

Town of Hanover Conservation Commission

Hanover Town Hall, 550 Hanover St.,
2nd Floor Meeting Room



MINUTES for Wednesday, MARCH 2, 2016

Approved 3/30/16

Those Members and Staff Present: Lou Paradis, Chairman; Lisa Satterwhite, Vice Chair; Frank Brierley, Hearing Officer; Brian McLoone, Commissioner; Justin Shepard, Associate Member; Amy Walkey, Conservation Agent; Sandra MacFarlane, Assistant Conservation Agent.

Those Members not present: William Woodward, Commissioner
Others: as per attached list

6:46 PM Chairman Paradis opened the meeting and made the following announcements:

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. Next Scheduled Meetings- March 16 and March 30, 2016 - 2nd Flr Mtg. Room @ 6:30 pm
2. Any person audio or videotaping this hearing must notify the Chairman at this time.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Request for Certificate of Compliance- **BL 14-39, SE 31-1096, 102 Cheryl Ln.**

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

- b. Request for Certificate of Compliance- **BL 12-44, SE 31-1056, 1877 Washington St.-**
No action taken.

- c. Request for amendment to OOC- **BL 12-59, SE 31-1060, 1087 Main St.**

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and McLoone, it was voted 4-0-0 to hold a public hearing for amendments to the Order of Conditions on March 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

- d. Request from Planner- Cons. Member volunteer **Master Plan Committee-** *See attached memo.*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to support Commissioner McLoone as a member of the Master Plan Committee.

7:02 PM

NOTE: *Hearing #4, and #6 were taken out of order.
Commissioner McLoone momentarily left the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. ***BL 16-02, SE 31-____¹, 353, 353r, 517 Circuit St.-** NOI- *for easement clearing in BZ² & BVW- See applicant's request to continue to March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM*

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

2. ***(3) BL 16-05, SE 31-1120, 778 Washington St.-** NOI- *for add'l parking areas & swm improvements*

PRESENT: none

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM as per the Applicant's request.

¹ DEP #'s have not been issued as of 2/25/16

² BZ, BVW: buffer zone, Bordering Vegetated Wetland

3. ***(4) BL 16-07, SE 31-1122, 6 and 12 Industrial Way-** NOI- *for commercial redevelopment in RFA*
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 3-0-0 to continue the hearing to March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM as per the Applicant's request.

7:05 PM

Commissioner McLoone returned to the meeting.

4. **BL 15-53, 132 Spring St.-** RDA- *for resource area delineation/determination of pond status*
PRESENT: Camron Larson, PE, ECR, LLC, Michael McSharry, Applicant
DISCUSSION: Mr. Larson presented photos of fish species observed in the waterbody on 132 Spring St. Mr. Larson concluded that the presence of fish as well as other evidence, indicated that criteria for vernal pool status was not met. He presented information from professional sources to support his opinion. The question of amphibian breeding vs. predatory fish populations was discussed. Information obtained from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), and various environmental consultants was reviewed. The Agent reported that the Commission's Consultant, Lenore White, WS, Wetland Strategies, Inc., recommended observation during breeding seasons due to NHESP's documentation of vernal pool certification of waterbodies containing fish populations, and that waiting until the breeding season allows for a more accurate evaluation. The Commission agreed and recommended a continuance until late May or June to adequately cover pertinent breeding seasons. Abutters Mr. and Mrs. Owens, 142 Spring St., shared historical information stating that from their observations, they believe it to be a vernal pool, that it has been altered and expanded over the last 30 yrs. more than once, and that the alteration caused flooding onto their property. Mr. McSharry requested a 2 week continuance to the March 16th meeting, stating that he expects NHESP to provide further pertinent information by that time.
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners McLoone and Brierley, it was voted 4-0-0 to continue the hearing until March 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.
5. **BL 16-03, 119 Laurie Ln.-** RDA- *for septic upgrade up to 50 ft. from a BVW*
PRESENT: Stephen Hassett, PE, Morse Engineering Co., Inc., Applicant's Representative
DISCUSSION: Mr. Hassett presented a plan dated 1/27/16 showing the abandonment of a failed septic system and installation of a new Title V rated residential septic disposal system with all work greater than 50 ft. from an off-site Bordering Vegetated Wetland. As the new system is an improvement over current site conditions, the Commission determined that the work could be conducted without the necessity of a Notice of Intent.
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and Satterwhite, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability.
6. **BL 16-06, SE 31-1121, 85 Grove St.-** NOI- *for septic upgrade in BZ to BVW*
PRESENT: Rob Carlezon, PE, Grady Consulting, LLC, Applicant's Representative
DISCUSSION: Mr. Carlezon presented a plan dated 1/27/16, revised 2/18/16, showing a residential septic upgrade of a failed system with limit of work proposed at 40 ft. from an on-site Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and within Riverfront Area of Torrey Brook due to the constraints of the site. Four (4) conservation setback markers were recommended by the Agent as additional protection for the BVW. As the new system is an improvement over current site conditions, the Commission determined that the work could be conducted without the necessity of a Notice of Intent.
VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Brierley and McLoone, it was voted 4-0-0 to close the hearing and issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability with the requirement of conservation post installation as stated above.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. Agent's Report

- NSRWA herring count at Luddams Ford Park is coming up- Associate Commissioner Shepard volunteered for the count and Commissioner McLoone offered to contact local Boy Scout leaders;
- Due to the expansion of phragmites populations, a reduction program will be presented at a future meeting;
- An update was given on various dam projects, noting that invasive species monitoring is an ongoing activity.

2. Minor Activities/ Events- Reviewed without comment

- **BL 16-04 24 Chestnut St.**

3. Minutes- 2/03/16 (2/17/16-cancelled)

VOTE: Upon a motion and second made by Commissioners Satterwhite and McLoone, it was voted to approve the minutes.

4. Correspondence- reviewed without comment.

5. Other: *Those items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting.* None.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Sandra D. MacFarlane, Asst. Conservation Agent
DMI- Conservation Office

Documents provided at the meeting:

- 3/02/16 agenda
- Request for Certificate of Compliance Application- 102 Cheryl Ln.
- Request for Certificate of Compliance Application- 1877 Washington St.
- Request for AOC Application- 1087 Main St.
- SE 31-1060 Conservation file including original OOC- 1087 Main St.
- Request for Conservation Commission Member to Master Plan Committee
- Request for continuance- National Grid, 353, et al Circuit St.
- Request for continuance- 778 Washington St.
- Request for continuance- 6 & 12 Industrial Way
- RDA application- 132 Spring St.
- photographs- 132 Spring St.
- NHESP e-mail correspondence- 132 Spring St.
- Wetland Strategies environmental report- 132 Spring St.
- ECR, LLC environmental report- 132 Spring St.
- RDA application- 119 Laurie Ln.
- NOI application- 85 Grove St.
- Minor Activities Permit- 24 Chestnut St.
- 2/03/16 draft Minutes